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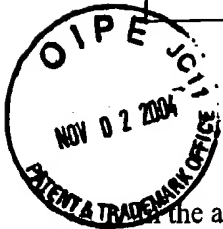
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the application of:

Gary VAN NEST et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MS AF
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office Action dated July 2, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 2, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.